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1. Jet planes continue to fly from the Karelian Isthmus to Pechanga (69-33N, 31-12E). The location of their bases is still unknown. The northernmost base, however, is probably situated somewhere among Murmansk's (68-58N, 35-05E) numerous fields.
2. The Janiskoski [Nikel (69-25N, 30-10E)] area has been closely guarded since it was ceded and a dense watchtower network has been built around it. Infantry troops have been stationed in the area in addition to the border guard. Civilians living there have only a fair standard of living.
3. Considerable work has been done in the Salla (66-55N, 29-12E) area along the roads leading from Finland to the Salla church. During summer 1952 loud rumblings have been continually heard over the entire wilderness area, even as far as Korvatunturi (68-03N, 29-12E).

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[REDACTED] at least five military trains proceeding northward. The trains contained, among other things, an abundance (sic) of tanks.

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